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WASHINGTON, SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 5, 1916.

Prevent Criminal Record for

Remodel Code Opens in the

more than 4,000 so-called child criminals

in the District of Columbia. Under the

statutes of the United States these chil-

Unless the Johnson bill, just reported

is passed, this extraordinary situation

Congressman G. H. Tinkham, of the

to handle this bill when it comes to

begin next Monday, and friends of the

to give it consideration before the close

Present Laws Antiquated.

This legislation is a product of a re-

port of a committee appointed by the Attorney general to study the need for

such legislation. The committee was headed by Bernard Flexner, of Chicago,

who is said to be better equipped to

judges of these courts themselves, other

members being Miss Julia Lathrop.

chief of the Children's Pureou; the

Rev. William. J. Kerby, of the Catholic

Clephane and William H. Baldwin, of

In transmitting the report to Congress

of the juvenile code will be Pansmit-

ted to Congress with the hope that they may have your very earnest considera-

The trouble with the law which at

present governs the District Juvenile Court is that it is essentially a police

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CLOSED TO TRAVE

Amsterdam Believes Move Indi

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AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.-The Belgian

contler has been completely closed to

all travelers, it was announced here This action is believed to indi-

cate important German troop concentra-

tion against the Anglo-French lines,

and fifty Germans, attacking Dvinsk

across the frozen Dwina, were drowned

Russian fire, according to a dispatch

then the ice was smashed by heavy

BERLIN (Via Sayville wireless), Feb. 5.—A German Zeppelin bombarded the Russian fortifications at Dvinsk yester-day, the war office announced this aft-

ernoon in a statement reporting only

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 5 - Dis-

minor operations on all fronts.

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preparatory to a heavy offensive.

received here today.

ATHENS.

House on Monday.

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laws and practices

Washington.

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Small Offenses.

PRICE ONE CENT

FAVOR SPECIAL TAX ON AUTOS **IN THE DISTRICT**

But Recommend Amendment to Page Bill So as to Eliminate Personal Tax on Motor Vehicles.

Commissioners Declare Amount Should Be Determined by Horsepower Basis-Oppose Double Burden.

With the recommendation that it be amended so as to eliminate the personal tax on motor vehicles, the Commissioners sent to Congress today a favorable report on the bill of North Carolina, to impose a special tax on automobiles and motor vehicles in the District of Columbia based upon horse power.

The board recommends also that the act become effective January 1, as provided in the proposed legis-

paid annually as a license tax the sum of \$5 for each automobile or sage brought word to the Baltic of the capture of the Appam. motor vehicle of not more than 25 horsepower; \$7.50 for each automobile of not less than 25 nor here last night, that at least two Germore than 40 horsepower, and \$10 tic.

The Baltic, however, sighted no susfor each automobile of over 40

FAVOR ONLY ONE TAX.

The Commissioners estimate there are approximately 10,000 motor vehicles operated in the District, and that under the proposed law the average tax collected would be \$7.50 for each, making the total collections \$75,000 annually

Commissioners believe that only one tax should be imposed, the amount of that to be determined by the horsepower basis, as the double tax, as proposed in the bill, would be excessive and burden-

care for the extra work imposed by the proposed legislation the Commis-sioners recommend that provision be made for the employment in the license branch of the assessor's office of three additional persons at an annual salary of \$1,200 each.

An adverse report is made on the bill introduced by Congressman Clark of Plorida to provide for the incorpora-tion of the East Washington Suburban Rallway Company.

Want Utilities Act Amended.

The Public Utilities Commission has before it a petition to require the Washington Railway and Electric Company to extend its lines over the same route as that described in the bill.

deemed necessary.

act so as more clearly to define the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over the Washington and that

The Commissioners report adversely on a bill to provide for the grading and improvement of Pennsylvania avenue southeast from Bowen road to the District line.

Palace of Kaiser A Submarine Base

Pneumatic Tube Found Leading to Water's Edge to Carry

Gasolene to Boats ATHENS, Feb. 5.- A pneumatic tube, Lansing Studying Case two feet in diameter, has been discovered leading from the storeroom of the Kaiser's summer palace on the Greek island of Corfu, to the water's edge, according to advices received here today. Anglo-French troops, who occupied Secretary of State Lansing and be-the island recently, believe gasolene fore him today the formal request of flowed down the tube into the tanks of the British povernment for the release

Canadian Police Free Chicago Opera Leader

OTTAWA, Ontario, Feb. 5 .--Colonel Sherwood, chief of Dominion police, announced today that Charles Strony, detained at Windsor last night on suspicion of being connected with the Parliament building fire, had been released.

Mr. Strony, who is a Belgian, is director of French opera in the French Grand Opera Company. He was conducting a tour in Canada when arrested.

Strony spent the night in the Windsor jail, giving full vent to his temperament.

Liner Baltic Warned Against Germans Week Before Ap- \$5,000,000 Parliament buildings pam Brought to Norfolk.

niralty knew at least a week before introduced by Congressman Page the liner Appam arrived at Norfolk with a German orize crew that German commerce ralders were at large in the Aton the liner Baltic today

Cantain Finch, of the Baltic, who tornedoed was warned by the admiralty before sailing from Liverpool on Jan-uary 26 to keep a sharp lookout for disguised German raiders. He was in-structed specifically to permit no steamer to approach within two miles bridge 1917, instead of January 1, 1916, of the Baltic unless she was properly

s provided in the proposed legisation.

The bill provides there shall be baid annually as a license tax the

Appam Statements Confirmed. These stories, confirmed statements of

Trawlers In Irish Sea.

Passing through the Irish Sea, the Baltic encountered a fleet of torty-five ployes became steadily, less inclined to British trawlers, engaged in fishing for "The advisability of providing for a double tax, one based on horsepower and the other a personal tax, is questioned," the Commissioners say. "The little brought 15 processors to be advisability of providing for a submarines. Moving lifty yards apart an alien to have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. It was declared it would not have been if y with steel nets, counted upon to necessary for a plotter to have entered the room in which the blaze was distinct that it would have been impossible for an alien to have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. It was declared it would not have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. It was declared it would not have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. It was declared it would not have been impossible for an alien to have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. It was declared it would not have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. It was declared it would not have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. It was declared it would not have been impossible for an alien to have started the blaze. The Baitie brought 175 pasesngers and a large cargo of French millinery for the Easter trade.

NINE NEW RAIDERS BUILT BY GERMANS

Are at Large-Ships Built Especially to Prey on Commerce.

"The Public Utilities Commission." the board states. "Is of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to incoporate new street railway companies in the District off the Canary Islands on January is since the act of Congress creating the said commission gives it nower to reire extensions of existing lines where of war, was made known by officers of the other British steamships she Favorable action is recommended on captured and sank, when they arrived Senate bill to amend the public utilities here with the Appam's passengers from captured and sank, when they arrived Norfolk on the Old Dominton liner Juf-

> er and had ample time to look her over from stem to stem. They tgreed, as Lieut. Hans Perge, who took the Appart to Norfelk has insisten that the captor was the Mowe but she wan not the surveying ship Meeve or any other Moeve known not the surveying ship Moewe or any other Moewe known in martame circles. She was a new preight steamship equipped with suns, and is one of the sailors from her in the detail to the Appain told hirs Francis Foller, wife of the colony chief of Aspaini who was an Appain passen it," the raider was one of a flect of nice inch vessels fitted out by the Cormans to prev on Fritish merchantmer, two of which already have made their way out of the Kiel Canal to the high seas.

Of Appam, May Reject Claim of Great Britain

flowed down the tube into the tanks of Austro-German submarmes operating in the McGerman submarmes operating in the McGerman submarmes operating in the McGerman submarmes operating that Corfe was being used by the Germans as a secret submarme base without the knowledge of the Greek government trigguised as fishermen they cruised about the island in a small smack for several weeks, observing the movements of submarines and making reports to allied squadrons.

DAILY SERVICE TO ALGUSTA.

Atlantic Coast Line. Leave 3:05 p. m. Through Standard Sleeper Daily. Comparison of the Standard Sleeper Daily. Comparison of the steamer Argum to its British government that the Appam be granted asylum in American waters as a prize of war.

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ALIENS SEIZED NEW JUVENILE Fate of Elizabeth Mohr AS THEY TRY TO CODE TO SAVE Rests With Jury; Quick FLEE OTTAWAD. C. CHILDREN

General Round-Up of All Those Johnson Measure Designed to Who Left After Burning of Parliament.

SWEEPING ORDERS PUT OUT IS GIVEN WIDE SUPPORT

Bold Attempt to Destroy Vic- Debate on Proposed Measure to toria Bridge Frustrated by Soldiers on Guard.

reatest round-up of aliens fince the beinning of the war was ordered by the Canadian authorities today. The Dominion police have been dered to apprehend all foreigners who dren would be disqualified for jury duty left Ottawa Thursday night when the and from holding office or from entering

Now Seek Plotters.

The general belief in Canada now is will continue to exist, and the seat of that the fire which destroyed the fils- the National Government will continue toric Parliament building was started to lag years behind the most advanced by German plotters. Sir Robert Bor- States in the matter of juvenile court den has indicated he is convinced the

blaze was incendiary. de- Eleventh Massachusetts district, al-Following another mysterious fire stroying a big factory monufacturing though a Republican, has been selected supplies for the government early to-day and what was apparently an at-tempt to blow up the famous Victoria onimanded the Arabic when she was bridge at Montreal, authorities decided to take drastic action in an effort to measure hope that the bill will pass round up aliens who may be respon-early so that the Senate may find time sible for the sudden outbreak of vio- to give it consideration before the close

> Details of the attempt on the Victoria of the session bridge were wired to the government officials here. A man was seen stear-ing across the ice toward one of the piers and was fired upon by guards after a searchlight turned upon him showed his form in bold relief. An investigation was made about the pier later today, and it is now believed the man may have been drowned.
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> Following the tracks of the man on the ice, he was traced to the edge of open water. It is believed that in his

haste to escape when the glare of the searchlight revealed him, the supposed plotter may have fallen into the river. These stories, confirmed statements of the Appam's passengers, who arrived here last night, that at least two German raiders are at large in the Atlantic.

The Baitic however, sighted no suspicious-looking tramps on the voyage to New York. Passing through the lirgh sea, she maintained a zig-zag course to decrease the danger from submarines. She was not convoyed through the war zone, but three cestrovers crossed her path before she passed out of the region of danger.

Trawlers In Irish Sea. o trace of bombs or other explosives University of America; the Attorney General declared it to be

As the investigation into the parliament fire continued members and emaccept the first reports of the police that it would have been impossible for covered at the particular time the po-lice say a heavy guard was on duty. And the order to the police to round up all aliens leaving the Dominion on the night of the fire is accepted as final evidence that the government believes an enemy is responsible for the destruc-A close wach is now being kept on all foreigners, who are required to re-port regular to restrition officers. By an arrangement with the railways the

umbers and destinations of all tickets old to foreigners are turned over to the police. It was through this system that

NEW LAW PROPOSED TO HANDLE PLOTTERS

Webb Has Bill to Permit Prosecution of Hyphenated Conspirators Wherever Found.

The first Administration bill to deal, The first Administration bill to deal, ATHENS, Feb. 5.—Anglo-French with "hyphenated" conspirators was troops have occupied the government before the House Judic'ary Complitee egricultural school at Saloniki, accordtoday. Introduced by Chairren Webb, ing to dispatches received here today. for the Pepartment of Justice, the full would cause arrests anywhere in the United States under any Federal grand may indictments, and prevent prisoners from bathing extradition before United States commissioners. It would revert commissioners releasing prisoners on technical grounds Introduction of the measure followed recent opposition of Henry B. Martin, former Congressman Fowler of Illinois, and Herman Schultheis of Labor's Peace Council, to being taken to New York, where strike conspiracy indictments were found against them.

Verdict Is Expected LUSITANIA NOW



MRS. ELIZABETH F. MOHR.

discuss juvenile courts than are many Court Charges That Accused Widow Cannot Be Found Guilty Unless Either Brown or Spellman, or Both, Are Convicted-Jurymen Get Case at 10:30 o'Clock.

his opinion 'that the present juvenile laws of the District of Columbia are antiquated. Copies of the report of the committee and of the proposed revision PROVIDENCE. R. L. Feb. 5.-The perplexity for me to go into the testi- cision the President must make.

The case went to the jury at 10 30 o'clock this morning, following the charge of Judge Stearns. The twelve men will also consider the evidence against the negroes, Brown and Spellman, charged with the actual killing of Dr. Mohr.

Those in close touch with the trial during its four weeks expect a quick verdict.

Judge Stearns set aside the contention of Attorney General Rice that Mrs. Mohr enslaved Victor Brown and Henry Spellman, using them to sult her will. If Mrs. Mohr is guilty she can be guilty in no greater degree than Brown, accused of the actual shooting, according to his instructions, "I do not think you should pay any attention to the fact that one of the defendants is a woman and two of them are colored men," said Judge Stearns. "It would only add to your instructed, and Mrs. Mohr freed, under the law.

rests with the jury which heard her trial, on a charge of having hired three negroes to murder her husband.

The case went to the jury at 10:36 did not do the actual shooting. If

WILL BEGIN BRANDEIS ROUMANIA READY HEARINGS NEXT WEEK TO STRIKE FOR ALLIES

May Testify.

Public hearings on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the United States Supreme Court will be begun by the Senate subcommittee in charg-next Wednesday, it was decided at meeting of the subcommittee today. I'ersons who are prepared to back up charges or to refute them will be ermitted to give testimony. Woman Drops Dead While Will favor the confirmation of Mr. Brandels was the impression that gain-Discussing Hotel Fire ed ground teday as a result of the tenor of the discussion at the meeting.

cussing the Overbrook Hotel fire with her mother, Miss Jennie Cooper, thirty-two, dropped dead in her home here to-day. The attending physician gave the cause of death as heart trouble caused of clock at the Johns Hopkins Hospi-by excitement of the fire, which oc-curred only a few doors from her home.

Charges or to Refute Them

Rufus M. Gibbs Dead.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.-Four hundred Persons Prepared to Support Rome Hears Bucharest Is Ready to Join Allies at First Opportune Moment.

> s nine-tenths mobilized by the decree squed Thursday, calling to the colors the class of 196 in advance of their regular schedule. More than balf a million troops are now marked along million troops are now marked along the Bulgarian and Hungarian Frontiers.
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> Were held to be for home consumption. To "cover a retreat."
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> The German ambassador expects to see Secretary Lansing again today or Monday for another conference.
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> The extreme confidence displayed by displayed is taken to indicate that the Bulgarian newspapers declare it committees and other nuclear that ne Roumaniar troops gress before coming to concentrated gions the Russian the Lusitania question.

frantier.

Heavy artillery from the Rossian frantier.

Heavy artillery from the Rossian Elack Sea forts is being moved toward the Hungarian frontier a cording to advices received here. The Rossianians are erecting strong fortifications along the Bulgarian border, expecting a Bulgarian offensive in case they attack Hungary.

In the past week the Austrian and German newspapers have openly ex-

German newspapers have openly to hasten Roumania's all coment with the allies, according to Bucharest ad-Bucharest dispatches reaching tions.

Rome within the pest fortnight have reported an unmistakable trend of pub- Washington and Berlin are certain to he opinion toward intervention on the s'de of the allies.

LONDON, Feb. 5 .- Two German regiments, the first to appear on the Greek horder, have arrived north of Lake Doiran, in the region formerly occurred by the Pritish, according to Saloniki dispatches today. They replace two Buigarian regiments, it was stated.
The Paily Mail's Salonial correspondent reported that these Turkish infantry regiments and four squalrens of cavalry have arrived at Gumuldina.

THE PRESIDENT

"Breach Impossible," Embassy Asserts — Confidence Expressed That Crisis Can Be Averted With Germany.

Reply Fails to Meet Demands of United States and Full Consideration Will Precede Dislomatic Decision.

The critical stage in the controversy between the United States and Germany over the sinking of the Lusitania was reached today when President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing gave consideration to the last German

Full decision is up to the President. The State Department and German embassy admit that Germany has made partial concessions to the American demands.

But a full compliance with the demand of the United States that Germany shall admit the illegality of the Lusitania attack is refused.

Whether the refusal of Germany to go to the extreme limit in meeting American demands justifies breaking off friendly relations with the German government, is the de-

No decision is expected until the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing it is said, are unwilling to take final action on an issue of such gravity that it may mean war between the United States and Germany without the fullest consideration.

There are two developments today indicative of the hope that a break will be averted.

First, it was announced that the in-formal negotiations between Count you Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing have not been broken off.

Second, no special Cabinet meeting was called for today, but consideration by the Cabinet of the German submarine situation was postponed until the regular meeting on Tuesday. The significance of these developments The significance of these developments in the fact that it was authoritatively announced at the State Departmen after the Lansing poposals were sent to Berlin that if Germany flatly rejected the American demands the informal negotiations with the German ambassador would be broken off at once and a formal note amounting to an and a formal note, amounting to an ultimatum, would be dispatched to Berlin. Before such a note went to Berlin, it was said, the Cabinet would be called

"Four or Five Days."

in session at once to decide on fina

After delivery of the German reply to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff late yesterday afternoon, was announced in the highest official quarters that Germany had 'made some concessions that may lead to further negotiation," and that "the matters begotiation," and that "the matters will be at issue for the next four or five days."
At the German embassy it is emphat-

ically asserted that "a break between the United States and Germany is out of the question. Alarming reports in the Berlin press were held to be for home consumption, to cover a retreat."

The German ambassador expects to

the Bulgarian and Hungarian Frontiers.

Private advices received here today diplomats is taken to indicate that the first opportune moment.

The Bulgarian government has closed the entire Roumanian frontier, excepting the cities of Gptritose and Februarial and House Foreign Relations. The Bulgarian newspapers declare it committees and thouse Foreign Relations committees and other members of Conference.

Monday for another conference.

The extreme confidence displayed by diplomats is taken to indicate that the diplomatic is taken to indicate that the gress before coming to full decision on

Berlin Officials Scoff At Idea That Lusitania Note Will Cause Crisis

BERLIN, Feb. 5.-Despite pessimistic pressed doubts regarding the future reports from English sources. German retitude of the Bucharest government.

Several important elements have tended that Germany's refusal to disavow Lusitunia sinking will bring an immediate crisis in the German-American rela-

> occur before Germany frames her formal answer to the last American note, it is stated here. The instructions sent to Ambassador von Bernstorff this week call for an answer from the American State Department that probably will result in another exchange of views, whether the United States aproves of disapproves the German proposals.
> It is realized here that the situation the possibilities of a break, the German

War Prisoners In America

Down at Norfolk Uncle Sam is playing jailer to some hundreds of Germans who arrived on the several war vessels interned there. Just how these prisoners of war live and how the Government keeps watch on them will be described in a most interesting feature story tomorrow in

The Sunday Times